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Medical Officer's Report for 1937.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF ABERGAVENNY.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg herewith to present the Fifty-Fifth Annual Report on the Sanitary conditions of Abergavenny.

It takes the form (with additions) indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular 1650 (Wales).

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA :

	1936	1937
Area (in Acres)	2398	2398
Population (estimated) ...	8092	7959
Inhabited Houses, end of 1937, according to Rate Books ...	2358	2360
Inhabited Houses, census 1931 (Old Borough)	2133	2133
No. of families or separate occupiers, 1931 (Old Borough) ...	2258	2258
Rateable Value ...	£48954	£49011
rd. Rate ...	£185	£184

Social conditions, including chief industries carried on in the area, and the extent of unemployment :

The area of the Borough is 2,398 acres, but is mostly rural in character, and includes most of the Sugar Loaf Mountain where are situated the Borough Reservoir, Pumping Station, Springs, etc.

Abergavenny is a prosperous Country Town with large Cattle, Fruit, Farm and Produce Markets.

It is a centre of the L.M.S. Railway, and is also served by the G.W. Railway, and a good service of Motor Buses is run in all directions to and from the Borough and adjoining villages and Towns.

There is one large Printing Factory and three smaller ones, and one Engineering Works and Foundry, also a Potato Crisp Factory opened in the early part of 1934, employing men and women.

The unemployment has slightly increased. Abergavenny and District combined population about 16,000 is 493 per week, that for the Borough being approximately 326.

The Shops in the town are numerous, and cater not only for the town folk, but those of the large surrounding districts. The prosperity of the Borough as a whole is greatly affected by the prosperity of the Industrial Districts adjoining.

There is no particular occupation that adversely affects the Public Health of the Borough.

Vital Statistics.

Total 1937—M. F.

1937—Borough County

Live Births	Legitimate	111	56	55	} Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	14'8	15'5
	Illegitimate	7	4	3			
Still Births—	Legitimate	4	2	2	} Rate per 1000 total (live and Stillbirths) births	32 8	—
	Illegitimate	—	—	—			
Deaths	...	127	69	58	Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	15'9	12'6
Deaths from Puerperal Causes—					Rate per 1000 total births (Live and stillborn)	—	1'55
Deaths—Puerperal Sepsis	...	—	—	—	...	—	2'72
Other Puerperal Causes	...	—	—	—	...	—	4'27
Total		...	0		...	—	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age—							
All Infants per 1000 live births		...	...	...	...	42 4	63'9
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births		...	...	...	...	36'0	—
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births		...	...	...	...	142 8	—
Death from Cancer—all ages		...	...	...	...	23	
Measles—all ages		...	...	...	...	Nil	
Whooping Cough—all ages		...	...	...	...	Nil	
Diarrhœa—under 2 years of age		...	...	...	...	Nil	
Children under 1 year		...	...	...	Total Deaths 5	Legitimate 4	Illegitimate 1

AGES OF DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

				1937
Under 1 week	...	...	...	3
1—2 weeks	...	...	...	1
2—3 „	...	...	...	—
3—4 „	...	...	...	—
Total				4
1—3 months	...	...	...	—
3—6 „	...	...	...	—
6—9 „	...	...	...	1
9—12 „	...	...	...	—
Total under 1 year				5

Populations			Live-Births	Deaths	Birth Rate
1931....	8490 (Estimated)	8608 (Census)	137	119	16'1
1935....	8262	,, (Old Borough)	116	118	14'04
	8307	,, (New Borough)			
1936....	8092	,, (,,)	107	129	13'20
1937....	7959	,, (,,)	118	127	

CAUSES OF SICKNESS SPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY

Tuberculosis. During 1937 only Eight fresh cases were notified. There were Six deaths recorded, i.e. 4'7 per cent of total deaths.

Cancer. Twenty-three persons died of this disease. The average age was 59 yrs.

Children. The death rate in children under 1 year has remained the same, but is much less than the County rate. The causes of death were :—

Congenital Malformation and Prematurity	...	4
Influenza	...	1

Influenza. There has been no severe epidemic, but there were endemic outbursts There were Four deaths.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1937.

<i>Causes of Death</i>				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
ALL CAUSES	....	....	....	69	58
Whooping Cough	....	....	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	....	....	—	—
Influenza	....	....	....	1	3
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	....	....	....	3	3
Other Tuberculosis	....	....	....	—	—
General Paralysis of insane, tabes dorsalis	....	....	....	—	—
Cancer, malignant disease	....	....	....	12	11
Diabetes	....	....	....	1	—
Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	....	....	....	2	4
Heart Disease	....	....	....	23	20
Aneurysm	....	....	....	—	—
Other circulatory diseases	....	....	....	3	2
Bronchitis	....	....	....	2	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	....	....	....	4	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	....	....	....	—	—
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	....	....	....	—	—
Peptic Ulcer	....	....	....	1	1
Appendicitis	....	....	....	1	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	....	....	....	1	—
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	....	....	....	—	2
Other digestive diseases	....	....	....	1	—
Acute and chronic nephritis	....	....	....	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis	....	....	....	—	—
Other Puerperal Diseases	....	....	....	—	—
Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, etc.	....	....	....	3	1
Senility	....	....	....	2	1
Suicide	....	....	....	1	—
Other Violence	....	....	....	2	1
Other defined diseases	....	....	....	5	5

Excluding the 5 children who failed to reach their first Birthday, the average age of death of the remaining 122 was 64·2.

AGE-GROUP ANALYSIS OF TOTAL DEATHS.

	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 to 75	75 and upwards	Total
1937	5	3	...	...	...	2	4	8	8	28	34	35	127
1936	5	1	...	...	1	2	6	10	14	19	28	43	129
1935	5	2	3	1	2	7	4	5	10	14	21	44	118
1934	3	1	1	...	1	3	2	11	9	18	30	26	105
1933	6	1	...	...	2	6	6	1	15	19	39	39	134
1932	13	2	1	2	...	2	2	6	9	13	36	35	121
1931	4	...	3	2	1	7	5	5	8	18	35	31	119
1930	6	1	...	1	...	2	5	3	7	15	21	34	95
1929	8	2	2	1	...	4	3	3	15	20	34	29	121
1928	5	3	2	3	...	7	8	4	9	22	23	35	121

MONTH INCIDENT OF DEATHS.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1928	.... 15	7	18	16	9	7	7	5	6	11	7	13
1929	.... 14	7	20	9	9	13	13	7	4	11	6	8
1930	.... 10	7	11	9	5	7	9	7	9	5	9	7
1931	.... 10	15	15	15	7	11	7	10	6	9	7	7
1932	.... 13	15	10	9	10	9	6	6	10	11	10	12
1933	.... 23	15	11	8	2	13	7	11	14	9	14	7
1934	.... 11	4	9	8	10	5	6	8	9	10	19	6
1935	.... 12	11	15	11	8	11	9	8	3	6	13	11
1936	.... 13	18	16	13	14	9	7	11	5	2	11	10
1937	.... 13	14	11	7	12	9	11	5	11	9	8	17

(1) **Public Health Officers of Authority.**

(a) *Medical.*

M.O.H.	}	H. L. S. Griffiths, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (part time), "Tyllwyd."
M.S. Isolation Hospital		
M.O. Child Welfare		G. W. Parry, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (part time), "Beechcroft."
M.O. Public Asst. Casual Ward	....	H. L. S. Griffiths.
Public Vaccinator	....	Olive G. Coldicott, M.B., CH.B.

(Others)—

Veterinary Surgeon	...	W. A. Williams, M.R.C.V.S., Henton House.
Public Analyst	....	G. Rudd Thomson & Partners, Newport.
Sanitary Inspector	....	F. Mansfield, M. Inst., M. & Cy. E., M.R.S.I.
Asst. Sanitary Inspector	....	R. J. Berrington (Certified Plumber).
Vaccination Officer	....	Ernest Winstone, County Hall, Newport, Mon.

(2) **Nursing in the Home—**

(a) *General—*

Two qualified Nurses with general training, supported by voluntary Contributions and under the control of the Abergavenny Nursing Association, is provided to visit and attend the non-infectious Sick of the Borough, and attend Maternity Cases.

(b) Infectious Diseases ... Nil.

(3) **Public Assistance Medical Out-Relief—**

Dr. Olive G. Coldicott, Brecon Road.

(4) **Laboratory Facilities—**

Chemical material and Milk are examined at the Laboratories, County Hall, Newport.

Water and Foodstuffs by Public Analyst.

(5) **Legislation in Force—**

LIST OF ACTS AND PROVISIONAL ORDERS.

Abergavenny Improvement Act, 1854

„ 1860

„ 1871

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1880

To put in force compulsory clauses of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1880

For Extension of Borough.

Public Library Act, 1892

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1893

Extension of Borrowing Powers, Gas and Market

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1905

Extension of Borrowing Powers, Gas and Water.

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1908.

Extension of Borrowing Powers, Town Hall, Markets and Slaughter Houses

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1922.

Increase of Market Tolls.

Abergavenny Provisional Order, 1923.

Scheme for Equation of Loans.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1920, in force in the Borough.

The Abergavenny Borough (Public Health) Order, 1923, declaring Part VI.

(relating to Recreation Grounds) of the Public Health Amendment Act, 1907,
to be in force in the Borough.

Abergavenny Order, 1925, Amending Local Acts.

BYE-LAWS IN FORCE

With respect to use of Town Hall and Corn Exchange.

Prevention of Nuisances, etc., in Public Streets, etc.

Use of Cattle Market Place.

For Prevention of Nuisances arising from Snow, Filth, &c.

With respect to Slaughter Houses.

With respect to General Market Place.

Prevention and Supervision of Nuisances. M.C. Act, 1882.

Nuisances and Removal of offensive and noxious matters.

With respect to Pleasure Grounds.

„ to Bailey Park Pleasure Ground.

„ to Hackney Carriages.

„ to Common Lodging Houses.

„ to Dairies and Cow Sheds, &c.

„ to Bathing.

„ to Tents, Vans, &c.

„ to Driving Bulls.

„ to Bailey Park Pleasure Ground.

„ to Prevention of keeping Animals so as to be injurious to health

„ to New Streets and Buildings (latest Model Bye-laws).

(6) Hospitals.

Title	Situation	Purpose	Management
Cottage Hospital	....Abergavenny	General....	Voluntary Agency
Gwent	....Newport, Mon.	„	„ „
General Hospital	....Hereford	„	„ „
King Edward VII.	....Cardiff	„	„ „
Mon. Mental Hospital	....Abergavenny	„	County Council
Abergavenny Isolation Hospital	Llanfoist	„	Local Authority (Joint Rural and Borough)

(7) Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children. The above may be admitted to the Public Assistance Institution, Ty Bryn, Tredegar.

(8) Institution Provision for care of Mental Defectives. Nil.

(9) Ambulance Facilities.

(a) For infectious diseases. A conveyance is available.

(b) For non-infectious and accident cases.

The St. John's Ambulance Association's Motor Ambulance.

(10) **Clinic and Treatment Centres.**

Title	Situation	Accommodation	By whom provided
Maternity and Child Welfare	....21, Nevill St.	Consultation &c....	Mon. County C.
Anti-Natal	....	..	....
Day Nurseries	...Nil	Nil	...
School Clinics	....At Schools	Consultations, &c.	..
Tuberculosis	...Y.M.C.A. ....	..	....Welsh National Memorial Ass.
Venereal Diseases	...Newport ...	..	...Mon. County C.
Ear, Nose, Throat & Ophthal	Newport ....	..	... ..

(11) **Midwives.** Number practising in the area ... 6

(12) **Maternal Mortality.**

These cases are investigated by the M.O.H., who can get assistance from the County M.O.H., and Bacteriologist.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.

The water supply throughout the whole year was amply maintained. The Reservoir being kept full and with a slight overflow despite the drought. The quality of the water remaining excellent.

Drainage and Sewerage, its character and sufficiency.

The combined system is in use. The Sewers have been regularly flushed and inspected during the year, and have worked satisfactorily.

The Sewage is conveyed to a Sewage Farm at Llanfoist, where it is treated on filter beds.

A satisfactory affluent has been maintained throughout the year,

Rivers and Streams.

These have been kept clean and free from pollution.

Closet Accommodation.

One Closet to each house is the rule, but in some older parts of the town there are a few cases of one closet to two houses. See also Inspector's Report.

Scavenging.

House refuse is collected bi-weekly by Corporation Carts and tipped at Llanfoist, the light matter being burned and organic matter buried.

There is one earth Closet and two Cesspools in the area.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

My general inspection of the Borough with Assist. Inspector Berrington showed the general and Sanitary Conditions were satisfactory, and continue to show an upward trend. Further detailed information will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

Provisional plans have been prepared for the provision of a Swimming Pool in Bailey Park on the Western Side of the Bowling Green and Tennis Courts. The existing accommodation for Bathing consisting of a Pavilion with Cubicles and a General Room, on the River Usk.

Eradication of Bugs.

On receipt of complaints of this nature the Houses concerned are sprayed with "Zaldecide."

Health Education. This is done by the County Council.

Rag Flocks Acts, 1911 and 1928. Nil.

Schools.

The Sanitary and Water Supply at the Schools has been satisfactory.

The children are periodically examined by County Council M.O.'s.

Children suffering from or contact to infectious diseases are excluded from attending School.

HOUSING FOR YEAR 1937.

(a) STATISTICS.

Number of New Houses erected during the year.

(a) Total (including number given separately under (b))

(i) By the Local Authority	...	...	Nil
(ii) By the other Local Authorities	...	...	--
(iii) By other Bodies and Persons	...	...	13

(b) With State assistance under Housing Acts :

(i) By the Local Authority—

(a) For the purpose of Part II of Act of 1925 ... Nil

(b) " " III " " ... Nil

(c) For other purposes ... Nil

(ii) By other Bodies or persons ... Nil

With State assistance under Housing Act, 1930 ... Nil

1. *Unfit Dwelling Houses.*

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :

Inspection—(1) *a* Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 235

b Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 605

(2) *a* Number of Dwelling Houses (included under sub-head as above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 .. 95

b Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 285

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil

(4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 95

2. *Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices :*

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 95

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*

A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	} No legal action taken. Informal Notices served on Owners and complied with, action by Local Authority being unnecessary.
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :	
(a) by Owners	
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	...

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 235

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :

(a) by Owners. ... 235

(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil

C.—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :		
(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	Nil
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	..	Nil
D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :		
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	Nil
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding :</i>		
(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of the year	...	18
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	..	18
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	145
(b) Number of New cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	Nil
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	42
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	162
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authorities have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	Nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect of overcrowding, conditions upon which the M.O.H. may consider it desirable to report. Remainder of cases being dealt with	...	

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS.

(a) Milk Supply :

The work is carried out by Inspector Jenkins, M.C.C., who during the past year has taken the usual number of samples.

Samples were also taken and examined by the County Pathologist for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli, and also for existence of foreign matter.

(b) Meat :

(1) Inspection. This is carried out daily, and condemned Meat is destroyed (See Inspector's Report).

(2) Administration of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1925, as regards stalls, shops, stores and vehicles.

Shops and vehicles are regularly inspected and comply with the Regulations.

The supply of Meat to the Borough is of good quality. For details of seizures, see below.

(3) Management of the Public Slaughter-house :

The Corporation Slaughter-house is sub-divided into sections, two of which are available to anyone wishing to slaughter animals, the other sections are rented by individual butchers.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed (if known)...	Not Known				
Number Inspected	Daily Inspection made at Abbatoir.				
All Diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	1	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	2	—	—	—	34
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than T.B. ...	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis Only.					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	—	—	—	—	—

Slaughter-houses :

The Slaughter Houses during the past year have been maintained in a proper and efficient manner. Early in the year 1934 the Electric power to be used in connection with the stunning of Animals prior to Slaughter was installed in the Public Slaughter Hall, and each of the Private Halls, Sheep and Pig Stunning Tongs being provided, and a Cash Captive Bolt Pistol provided for use in connection with the Slaughter of Beeves, etc., since the installation of this the nuisance from noise during the slaughtering of the animals has been entirely eliminated.

(c) Adulterations :

The whole of the samples collected under this heading are taken by the County Inspector.

(d) **Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food :**

Performed by the County Pathologist, Newport.

(e) **Nutrition :**

Mothers are advised on this point at the Welfare and Anti-Natal Clinics maintained by the County Council

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Small Pox. Nil.

Scarlet Fever. Only 7 cases notified.

Diphtheria. No cases occurred.

Influenza. Endemic throughout the year.

There were no cases of Dysentery or Trench Fever reported.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is kept in quantity at the Cottage Hospital, and is used promptly when necessary.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the County Laboratories, Newport, and the facilities freely used by the Local Practitioners.

The M.O.H. was not called upon to perform any vaccinations.

Cleaning and Disinfection of Verminous Persons.

This can be carried out at the Workhouse.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN
TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1937.

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Small Pox
Scarlet Fever	7	....	....
Diphtheria
Enteric Fever
Puerperal Fever
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	....	....
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis....
Encephalitis Lethargica
Anterio Polyomyelitis
Erysipelas
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Malaria

AGE GROUP ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES OF NOTIFIABLE
DISEASES.

DISEASE.	Under 1 yr.	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	Total all Ages
Small Pox
Scarlet Fever	1	....	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	7
Diphtheria
Erysipelas
Enteric Fever
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis
Encephalitis Lethargica
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Puerperal Fever
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	....	1

AGE GROUP ANALYSIS OF TOTAL DEATHS FROM
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Puerperal Fever	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Other Puerperal Diseases	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Cancer. Twenty-three people died of this disease during the year.
The average age was 59 years.

<i>Site of Disease.</i>		<i>Man.</i>	<i>Woman.</i>
Uterus or ovaries	....	—	3
Breast	....	I	4
Alimentary Canal	....	6	I
Prostrate Gland or Bladder		I	—
Thyroid	....	—	I
Lungs and Larynx	....	3	—
Bones	....	I	2

The nearest National Radium Centre is at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action has been necessary to be taken under sec. 66 P.H.A. 1925.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

DISEASE	CASES						
	Notified	TREATED					
		At Home	In Hospital	Vision unimpaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Ophthalmia Neonatorum

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937.

AGE.		NEW CASES				DEATHS			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....
I	....	...	...	..	....	....	...	....	....
5	....	...	...	...	..	....	....	....	....
10	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	....
15	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	....
20	....	...	I	....	....	...	I	....	....
25	....	...	I	...	....	I	I	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	....	....
45	...	3	...	...	....	I	....	....	...
55	....	I	I	...	I	I	I	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	....	....	...	...	....	....	....
Totals	...	4	3	...	I	3	3	...	....

All cases of Tuberculosis that died had been previously notified.

The notification of Tuberculosis in the area is efficient.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

The necessity for action under Articles (3) and (5) has not arisen.

Public Health Acts, 1926, Section 62 and 1936, Section 172.

The necessity for action under this Section has not arisen.

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
FACTORIES ... (including Factory Laundries)	37	Nil	Nil
WORKSHOPS ... (including Workshop Laundries)	120	30	Nil
WORKPLACES ... (other than Outworkers' Premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	157	30	Nil

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :</i>				
Want of cleanliness ...	30	30	Nil	Nil
Want of ventilation ...				
Overcrowding ...				
Want of drainage of floors ...				
Other nuisances ...				
<i>Sanitary accommodation :</i>				
insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
unsuitable or defective				
not separate for sexes				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts :</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (s. 101) ...				
Other offences ... (excluding offences relating to out-work and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories & Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).				
Total	30	30	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108

NATURE OF WORK. (1)	Instances (2)	Notices served (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Wearing Apparel—			
Making, etc. 			
Cleaning and washing 			
Household linen 			
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...			
Curtains and furniture hangings 			
Furniture and upholstery 			
Electro-plate 			
File making 			
Brass and brass articles 			
Fur pulling 			
Cables and chains 			
Anchors and grapnels 			
Cart gear 			
Locks, latches and keys 			
Umbrellas, etc. 			
Artificial flowers 			
Nets, other than wire nets 			
Tents 			
Sacks 			
Racquet and tennis balls 			
Paper, etc., boxes, paper bags 			
Brush making 			
Pea picking 			
Feather sorting 			
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc. 			
Stuffed toys 			
Basket making 			
Chocolates and sweetmeats 			
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings etc. 			
Textile weaving 			
Lampshades 			
Total 	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Sanitary Inspector's Report for the Year ending December, 1937.

DRAINAGE.

Number of Drains cleared and repaired	42
„ Drainage Systems relaid	....	....	3
„ Defective Yard Paving cemented	....	....	6
„ Defective Gully Traps and Surrounds	....	....	24
„ Defective W.C. Arm Joints	....	....	16
„ Defective Inspection Chamber lids	....	....	8

WATER CLOSETS, PRIVIES AND URINALS.

Number of Water Closets flushing cisterns repaired & New Cisterns fixed	....	....	160
„ Water Closet Pans abolished and replaced with Pedestals	....	....	16
„ Water Closets provided with new Pans and Traps	....	....	24
„ Water Closet Seats, Doors, Floors and Roofs	....	....	28
„ Water Closets rebuilt	....	....	3
„ Filthy W.C. Pans cleansed	....	....	5
„ Choked Flush Pipes	....	....	2

DWELLING HOUSES, &c.

Number of Inspection of Houses and Premises	....	....	630
„ Filthy Living Rooms	....	....	3
„ Defective Main Walls of Dwelling Houses repaired	....	....	2
„ Premises fumigated	....	....	14
„ Notices given to Lodging House Keepers for Limewashing	....	....	5
„ Defective Rainwater Troughing and Down Spouts cleared and Repaired	....	....	40
Defective Grates and Brickwork to same	....	....	10
Defective Chimney Stacks Repaired and Stuccoed	....	....	2
Defective Doors, Door Frames and Roofs	....	....	23
Defective Floors and Windows	....	....	16
Defective Walls and Ceilings	....	....	8
Damp Walls	....	....	2
Defective Sink Waste Pipe	....	....	4
Defective Lavy Basin	....	....	2
Defective Cellar Gratings	....	....	3
Defective Brickwork to Sink	....	....	2
Glazed Washup Sink provided	....	....	20
Stucco hacked off	....	....	4
Defective Stair Treads	....	....	1

MISCELLANEOUS.

Accumulation of Manure and Rubbish removed	....	....	3
Notices issued for Slop throwing on Streets	....	....	1
Bakehouses regularly inspected and Limewashed	....	....	15
Dairies and Milkshops regularly inspected	....	....	6
Cottage Hospital Wards Disinfected	....	....	3
Public Slaughter House inspected daily	....	....
Unsound Tinned Fruit, and Milk Voluntarily surrendered and condemned	....	....	Nil
Cooked Meat	Nil
Keeping of Animals in filthy condition	1
Dangerous Boundary Walls	2

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Meteorological Table

Rainfall in 1937.

Rain Gauge { Diameter of Funnel, 5 inches
Height of Top { Above Ground 1 ft.
 ,, Sea Level 215 ft.
Situation : Bailey Park

<i>Month</i>	<i>Total Depth inches</i>	
January	5'59
February	5'90
March	4'78
April	2'52
May	2'14
June	...	1'25
July	4'34
August	...	1'26
September	1'25
October	...	3'98
November	1'48
December	...	3'04
Total	37'53 ins.

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